

ABSTRACT

5       There is provided a resist composition used for the  
production of printed boards, which comprises (A) a resin  
component, (B) a photopolymerization initiator, (C) water  
and (D) an organic solvent, wherein the organic solvent  
(D) contains:

10       (D-1) at least one organic solvent selected from the  
group consisting of an  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylate ester, a  $\beta$ -  
alkoxycarboxylate ester, a 1,3-diol compound and a 1,3-  
diol compound derivative, and

      (D-2) an organic solvent having a hydroxyl group  
other than (D-1).